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FM AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, MASS, PA

SUBJ: PARAGUAY CANCELS PLANS TO PURCHASE ISRAELI ARAVA 201

AIRCRAFT

REF: ASUNCION A-3

1. THE GOP APPARENTLY HAS DECIDED TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY THE PURCHASE OF SIX ARAVA 201 AIRCRAFT DESCRIBED IN THE MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER (SEE REFAIR). RUMORS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT WHICH REACHED THE EMBASSY DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY, HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY RECENT PRESS REPORTS.

2. NO REASONS HAVE BEEN OFFERED FOR THE DECISION WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WAS MADE PERSONALLY BY PRESIDENT STROESSNER, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY APPROVED THE PURCHASE. SOME INFORMED SOURCES BELIEVE HE RELUCTANTLY CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT PARAGUAY COULD NOT AFFORD TO BUY THE AIRCRAFT WITHOUT RAISING NEW TAX REVENUES; A POLITICALLY INADVISABLE MOVE AT THIS TIME. OTHERS HAVE HINTED HE OBJECTED TO OVERLY HIGH LEVELS OF GRAFT AND PAYOFFS ENGINEERED INTO THE CONTRACT. ONE NEWSPAPER POINTEDLY NOTED

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WITHOUT COMMENT THAT THE ANNOUNCED TOTAL PRICE OF DOLLARS 7,576,677 IS GREATER THAN THE SUM OF THE COMPONENT PACKAGES, WHICH ADD UP TO EITHER DOLLARS 6,783,667 OR DOLLARS 6,987,295 SINCE IT IS NOT CLEAR IF DELIVERY CHARGES ARE INCLUDED IN THE FIRST FIGURE. IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT THE MONEY UNACCOUNTED FOR COULD REPRESENT AMMUNITION

FOR THE ARMS PACKAGES BOUGHT FOR EACH PLANE.

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